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National Park Service Releases Proposed Rule for Bicycle Use within Bryce Canyon National Park

The National Park Service has published a proposed rule to authorize bicycle use on 6.2 miles of a shared-use pathway in Bryce Canyon National Park. National Park Service regulations require promulgation of a special regulation to designate new routes for bicycle use off park roads and outside developed areas.

The shared-used path would be open to several uses, including running, walking, and bicycling and is scheduled to open in the spring of 2016. Once completed, this section of the pathway will connect Bryce Canyon City and the Powell District of the U.S. Forest Service to the park.

The rulemaking process is in addition to, but separate from, the public review and comment period on the Draft Multi-Use Visitor Path Environmental Assessment. This proposed rule relies on impact analyses conducted through the Multi-Use Visitor Path Environmental Assessment. Additional information regarding the Path, including a downloadable version of the Draft Environmental Assessment, is available on the National Park Service's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/brca.

The proposed rule and an electronic form on which to submit written comments are available on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov. You can find the proposed rule by conducting a "search for a proposed rule" and entering keywords "Bryce Canyon." Comments will be accepted through January 26, 2015.